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SUBJ: KENNEDY SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF REPORT ON REFUGEE AND CIVILIAN
WAR CASUALTY PROBLEMS IN INDOCHINA

1. THIS CABLE TRANSMITS (PARA. 4) PRESS RELEASE WITH WHICH
SENATOR KENNEDY ISSUED SUBJECT REPORT DATED SEPTEMBER 27.
SECOND CABLE TRANSMITS KENNEDY PREFACE TO REPORT. THIRD TRANSMITS
REPORT'S QUOTE SUMMARY OF FINDINGS UNQUOTE. COMPLETE REPORT
BEING POUCHED ALL ADDRESSEES.

2. FAIRLY PROMINENT ALTHOUGH NOT FIRST PAGE PRESS COVERAGE NOTED
THUS FAR IN SEPTEMBER 27 EDITIONS NY TIMES, WASH. POST,
WASH. STAR.

3. ADDRSSEES REQUESTED CABLE SOONEST LATEST INFO ON FACTS

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PRESENTED BY KENNEDY AND STAFF. COMMENTS ON MORE GENERAL POINTS WILL ALSO BE WELCOMED. MEANWHILE WE PREPARING GUIDANCE FOR IMMEDIATE USE IN ANSWERING PRESS INQUIRIES.

4. TEXT PRESS RELEASE FOLLOWS (UNESSENTIAL WORDS OMITTED):

QUOTE SENATOR KENNEDY, CHAIRMAN JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE ON REFUGEES, TODAY RELEASED STAFF REPORT ON WAR VICTIMS IN INDOCHINA. REPORT FOLLOWS FIELD STUDY LAST MONTH IN VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA BY DALE S. DE HAAN, COUNSEL, AND JERRY M. TINKER, CONSULTANT.

IN PREFACE TO REPORT SENATOR KENNEDY SAID:

INNER QUOTE WE CONFRONTED TODAY IN INDOCHINA WITH VERY SERIOUS REGIONAL CRISIS OF PEOPLE -- MILLIONS OF PEOPLE, ALL IN NEED URGENT CARE AND PROTECTION. MORE THAN OUR GOVERNMENT CARES ADMIT, AMERICAN MILITARY ACTIVITIES -- ESPECIALLY HEAVY BOMBING MANY AREAS -- CONTRIBUTING MUCH TO THIS HUMAN TOLL OF WAR. THE RECORD CLEAR ON WHERE WE STAND IN INDOCHINA. THERE MOUNTING VIOLENCE AND WIDENING WAR. RAPIDLY RISING HUMAN COSTS. CAN BE LITTLE DOUBT NOW THAT INTERVENTION AMERICAN FORCES IN CAMBODIA, RISING NUMBER U.S. AIR SORTIES OVER THAT COUNTRY, AND INCREASING FLOW AMERICAN ARMS TO LON NOL GOVERNMENT, CONTRIBUTING SUBSTANTALLY TO NEW PHASE STRUGGLE IN INDOCHINA. AND TO TRAGIC PLIGHT CIVILIANS THROUGHOUT ENTIRE REGION.

OUR NATIONAL INTEREST DOES NOT LIE IN CONTINUATION WAS THROUGH VIETNAMIZATION OR ANY OTHER WAY. DOES NOT LIE IN EXPANDING U.S. INVOLVEMENT, NOTABLY IN CAMBODIA. DOES NOT LIE IN FURTHER DESTRUCTION COUNTRYSIDE. DOES NOT LIE IN SERIOUS CRISIS OF PEOPLE SPREADING FROM ONE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER LIKE FALLING DOMINOES.

RATHER IT LIES IN URGENTLY NEEDED EFFORT BY OUR GOVERNMENT TO FOCUS MORE ATTENTION ON TOUGH NEGOTIATIONS NECESSARY TO STOP VIOLENCE AND EXTRICATE OURSELVES FROM WAR. ALSO LIES IN FAR GREATER EFFORT MEET VAST HUMAN NEEDS GENERATED BY THE CONFLICT. END INNER QUOTE.

SENATOR KENNEDY URGED INTERNATIONALIZATION OF RELIEF NEEDS IN INDOCHINA THROUGH UNITED NATIONS. UNQUOTE. IRWIN

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